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"Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm" (Ralph Waldo Emerson)

Please Note: I am currently on detail to the EPA Region 10 office in Portland, Oregon until July 23, 2016. Thank you!

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-----Original Message-----

From: drupal\_admin@epa.gov [mailto:drupal\_admin@epa.gov]  
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Dear People: I am afraid that the draft cleanup plan for the Willamette River (Oregon) leaves far too much of the river contaminated for future generations. Here in Oregon, many of us are big on environmental awareness and responsibility. We need to remedy what we've done. We recommend that at least 1,000 acres of polluted sediment be removed from the river. The draft cleanup plan relies too much on "monitored natural recovery," a "do nothing" strategy that leaves pollution in the river in the hopes that it will either be covered over or flushed downstream.

The cleanup plan must result in the removal of the Fish Consumption Advisory so that eating fish from the Lower Willamette is just as safe as eating fish from anywhere else in the Willamette River system and this must occur within a 10-20 year time frame. Every summer, there are incidents reported on the local news of people getting sick and even dying from eating fish caught in the Willamette. sometimes these people are new to the area. Shouldn't they be able to safely assume that such a beautiful natural spot has edible fish?

Creating a toxic waste disposal dump in our river is not acceptable. Toxic dredged sediments must be taken to an appropriate landfill or disposed of by an approved means. Entities with liability for the pollution must be held accountable and pay for a comprehensive cleanup that will protect the health of our communities, our environment and our wildlife. Thank you for your time and attention to this important issue for our planet. (b) (6)